

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Philip J. PALERMO et al.
Serial No. Not yet assigned
Filed: Herewith
For: **A METHOD OF PREVENTING ABUSE
OF OPIOID DOSAGE FORMS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 18, 2003

Sir:

Consideration of the present application in view of the following preliminary amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-referenced application as provided in the sections below entitled “AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION” and “AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.”